



# MACo LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this **weekly** bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. **Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.**

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Go to <http://www.maco.cog.mt.us/Legislature/Legislative.htm> and get quick and easy access to exactly what you're looking for this Legislative session.

Please be sure to call, fax, or e-mail your support for our bills if you cannot attend the hearings. Also, a number of our bills have been passed out of committee and through on the floor. Don't forget to thank your Legislators for their support; they need to hear from you!

## Scheduled Hearings

House and Senate Local Government Committees will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.  
\*MACo Bill

### Monday, April 2

	<u>Room #</u>	<u>Time</u>
HB 196 Create coal development impact fund	Room 422	3:00 p.m.
HB 154 Community commitment for developmentally disabled	Room 317A	3:00 p.m.
HB 204 Revise state expenditure limit	Room 317	8:00 a.m.
HB 271 Revise makeup of board of environmental review	Room 422	3:00 p.m.
HB 276 Revise rulemaking authority of board of environmental review	Room 422	3:00 p.m.
HB 533 Increase coal board funding	Room 422	3:00 p.m.
HB 672 Revise school bond laws	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HB 688 Provide an allocation of coal severance taxes to DEQ for certain mines programs	Room 422	3:00 p.m.
HB 783 Revise election laws	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
HB 845 Changing point of taxation of motor vehicle fuels	Room 455	3:00 p.m.
SB 316 Clarify taxation of agricultural parcels reduced by public use by government	Room 152	9:00 a.m.
SB 446 Revise water law re: industrial waste discharge	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
SB 450 Extend water compact commission	Room 472	3:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 3

*SB 78 Clarify stream access from bridges	Room 152	3:00 p.m.
SB 419 Allow children to remain covered by parent's health insurance to age 26	Room 172	8:00 a.m.

### Wednesday, April 4

HB 520 Generally revise election laws	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 407 Authorizing emergency discharges of coal bed methane water	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
SB 428 Assurance coverage of routine costs of clinical trials	Room 172	8:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 5

Nothing scheduled as of yet.

Friday, April 6

Nothing scheduled as of yet.

## Projected Session Calendar

**Please note:** Leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

**Introduction deadlines:** Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within 2 legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10.

**"General bills"** is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions.

**Notes:** Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days, using a 6-day legislative week.

Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

April 3: Transmittal of Revenue Bills  
April 5: Transmittal of Amendments to General Bills  
April 6-8: Break  
April 10: Last day to request Study Res. or Comm. Bills to implement HB2  
April 16: Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills  
April 18: Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills and Revenue Est. Jnt. Res.  
April 21: Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions  
April 27: Session Adjourns; Sine Die

## MACo Resolutions/Legislation

\* Indicates the bill is probably dead.

<u>#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Res. #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>As Of</u>
HB 12	Generally revise county attorney salaries and prosecution services	2006-23	Tim Callahan	Transmitted to Senate	3/28
*HB 27	Establish wireless enhanced 9-1-1 system	2006-12	Robyn Driscoll	Tabled in Committee	3/14
→ →				(H) Appropriations	
*HB 47	Revise size of parcel for disposal of household or agricultural waste	2006-07	Dave Gallik	(H) Missed Deadline for	2/28
→ →				General Bill Transmittal	
HB 49	Require study of local government special purpose districts	2006-02	Robin Hamilton	Transmitted to Senate	3/29
HB 92	Modernize public health laws	2006-36	Eve Franklin	(H) Transmitted to Governor	3/28
HB 96	Fund veteran cemetery maintenance	2006-22	Krayton Kerns	(S) Hearing	3/22
*HB 174	Revise reimbursement of counties for detention costs	2000-25	Carol Lambert	(H) Missed Deadline for	2/28
→ →				General Bill Transmittal	
HB 206	Revise county mill levy elections	2006-04	Pat Ingraham	(S) Returned from Enrolling	3/29
HB 207	Revise time of oath of office for county officials	2006-17	Pat Ingraham	(H) Transmitted to Governor	3/28
HB 253	Eliminate county election requirement for construction of certain bridges	2006-19	John W. Ross	(H) Returned from Enrolling	3/29
HB 269	Revise weed laws	2006-03	John W. Ross	(S) Hearing	3/12
*HB 314	Clarify appointment authority for airport authorities	2006-13	Llew Jones	(H) Missed Deadline for	2/28
				General Bill Transmittal	
*HB 360	Prohibit use of nonwood bats in competitive Nat'l youth league baseball games	2006-38	Bill McChesney	(H) Missed Deadline for	2/28
→ →				General Bill Transmittal	
HB 364	Establish board and fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf predation	2006-21	John Brueggeman	(S) Hearing	3/13
HB 369	Increase county borrowing limit	2006-26	JP Pomnichowski	Returned to House	3/27
→ →				With Amendments	
*HB 370	Uniform penalty and enforcement for zoning violations	2004-28	JP Pomnichowski	Tabled in Committee	2/06
→ →				(H) Judiciary	
HB 426	Eliminate limit on county road and bridge depreciation reserve funds	2006-16	John W. Ross	(S) Scheduled for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	3/29
HB 428	Revise junk vehicle laws	2006-05	Dave Gallik	(S) Hearing	3/08
*HB 541	Youth employment program	2006-14	John L. Musgrove	(H) Missed Deadline for	3/29
→ →				Appropriation Bill Transmittal	
*HB 551	Pre-commitment evaluation for mental illness	2006-34	Arlene Becker	(H) Missed Deadline for	2/28
→ →				General Bill Transmittal	

*HB 561	Revise County bonding authority	6-26	John L. Musgrove	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
→ →					
*HB 582	Interim zoning for counties	2006-06	Mike Jopek	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
→ →					
HB 729	Amend county advertising requirements	2006-15	Holly Raser	(S) Hearing	3/26
*HB 745	Authorize county occupancy permits	2006-27	JP Pomnichowski	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
→ →					
SB 21	Allow counties to establish and fund veteran's cemeteries	2006-22	Lane L. Larson	(S) Transmitted to Governor	3/23
SB 78	Clarify stream access from bridges	2004-11	Lane L. Larson	(H) Hearing	4/03
SB 146	Juvenile delinquency disincentive program	2006-20	Jim Shockley	(H) Hearing	3/16
SB 155	Older Montanan's trust law	2006-08	Carol Williams	Referred to Committee	3/08
→ →				(H) Appropriations	
SB 270	Revise filing deadline for independent candidates, minor parties	2006-29	Lane L. Larson	(H) Scheduled for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	3/30
SB 308	Revise road levy election law	2004-04	Jim Peterson	(H) Committee Report	3/26
→ →				Bill Concurred	
SB 341	Biennial selection of certain contractors by counties	2006-33	Dave Lewis	(S) Returned from Enrolling	3/28
*SB 358	Allow any election to be conducted by mail	2006-11	Lane L. Larson	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
→ →					
SB 364	Revise replacement of county commissioner when no quorum possible	2006-35	Bob Story	(H) Committee Report	3/22
→ →				Bill Concurred	
SB 492	Exempt certain local government property transactions from appraisal	2006-30	Kelly Gebhardt	Tabled in Committee	3/28
→ →				(H) Taxation	
LC0088	Older Montanan's trust fund	2006-08	Cynthia Hiner	Draft on Hold	10/17
LC1156	Plan for mental health drop-in centers	2006-37	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1158	Mental health services plan revision	2002-19	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1503	County option for mail ballot elections	2006-11	Diane Sands	Draft on Hold	2/09

## Newly Introduced Bills

\* Indicates the bill is probably dead.

*HB 836	Grants to municipalities and counties for certain infrastructure and equipment
HB 840	Revise license plate laws
HB 841	Revise election laws; change primary election date
HJ 48	Study health insurance reform and publicly funded health care programs
SB 561	Revise oil and gas production tax holiday
SB 562	Provide tax incentives for renewable energy and energy conservation
*SB 564	Exclude 95 school mills from new TIFs
SB 565	Clarify statutory authority for multiple appropriation bills